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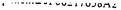
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(54) **CERAMIDE SYNTHESIS ACCELERATOR**

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To obtain the subject accelerator composed of a yeast extract as an active component, activating the synthesis of ceramide in a skin cortex by an epidermal, cell and capable of expecting the improvement of rough skin and the curing of skin diseases by enhancing skin barrier function.

CONSTITUTION: This accelerator contains a yeast. extract (e.g. a yeast extract for an industrial use) or a bacterial culture product containing the yeast extract as an active component. Examples of the microbial, culture product containing the yeast extract include a cultured product of lactobacillus such as Streptococcus thermophilus and a cultivation product of fungi of a mushroom such as shiitake mushroom. Further, a compounding ratio of the





compounding ratio of the accelerator to a skin external agent is preferably 0.01-0.5wt.% for the yeast extract and 0.1-10wt.% for the microbial culture product containing the yeast extract, each based on the total weight fo the composition.

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